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Attorney Docket No. 12006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
Stacy R. KAMASZ, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2811
Serial No.: 10/079,425) Examiner: To Be Determined
Filed: February 22, 2002)
For: Reticulated Gate CCD Pixel with Diagonal Strapping)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract so as to commence on a separate sheet. An abstract commencing on a separate sheet as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.52(b)(4) and 1.72(b) is attached to this paper as a separate document.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the abstract is amended so as to commence on a separate sheet under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(b)(4) and 1.72(b).

No new matter has been introduced into the disclosure of this application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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